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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (HAWKINS) *BHff*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (COX) *MB*

RE: DOCKET NO. 961195-TL- UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA
DOCKET NO. 961323-TL- UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA
DOCKET NO. 961361-TC- BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
- REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENT THAT EACH
TELEPHONE STATION ALLOW INCOMING CALLS

AGENDA: 06/24/97 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION -
INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\961195.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Staff received two separate requests for exemption of the incoming call requirement at pay telephones from United Telephone (Sprint). The requests are dated September 30, 1996, and November 5, 1996. Staff also received a request for exemption from BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) dated November 13, 1996. The forms had not been properly signed by the Sheriff or Chief of Police of the listed jurisdictions, as required by rule. The forms were returned to the companies requesting the proper signatures. When the forms were not returned to staff after the 15 day requested response, staff followed up with phone calls to both companies. Staff was told in each case that the forms would be returned. When the forms were not returned, staff faxed follow-up requests for proper signatures on February 10, 1997 to both companies. Both companies responded via telephone to staff and indicated that the forms would be properly signed and returned. To date, Sprint and BellSouth have not returned the forms. Therefore, staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

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DOCKET NOS. 961195-TL, 961323-TL & 961361-TC
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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve the incoming call blocking requests for Sprint and BellSouth?

RECOMMENDATION: No.

STAFF ANALYSIS: After receiving the incomplete call blocking forms, staff immediately returned the forms to Sprint and BellSouth and requested the proper signatures of the jurisdictional law enforcement agencies. Staff sent two letters and faxes, as described in the Case Background; however, Sprint and BellSouth failed to re-submit the forms with the proper signatures. To date, the forms have not been re-submitted. Sprint and BellSouth have had more than four months to respond to staff's request.

ISSUE 2: Should these dockets be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: To date, Sprint and BellSouth have not submitted the forms with the proper signatures. Staff has made every effort to encourage Sprint and BellSouth to comply with staff's request. These dockets should be closed unless a person whose substantial interest is affected by the Commission's decision files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Proposed Agency Action.